GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education - Finalization of seniority list in the cadre of Deputy Directors/District Educational Officers – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (SERVICES.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No:**17** Dated:**29 .03.2022**

Read the following:

1. From the Commissioner of School Education, A.P. Lr.Rc.No.652/Estt.2/2016-3, Dt. 14.02.2017.
2. From the Director of School Education, A.P. Lr.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2020-EST1-CSE, Dt:26.09.2020.
3. Procg. Rc.No.11021/186/2020-EST1, Dated: 02.02.2021 of the DSE, A.P.
4. Govt. Memo. No. SEDN0CSE/637/2020-SER.I, Dt. 09.04.2021
5. From the Commissioner of School Education, A.P. Lr.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2019-EST 1-CSE-Part(2), Dt:28.12.2021.
6. Memo.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2020-EST1-CSE-Part(2), Dt:04.01.2022 of the CSE, A.P
7. From the CSE, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2019-EST 1-CSE, Dt: 28.01.2022 along with the representation of Smt. R.S. Gangabhavani, DEO, Guntur, dt. 10.01.2022 and Sri P. Ramesh, DEO, Nellore, dt. 13.01.2022.
8. Memo.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2020-EST1-CSE, Dt:10.02.2022 of the CSE, A.P.
9. From the Commissioner of School Education, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.ESE02-11021/186/2020-EST1-CSE, Dt:22.02.2022.

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ORDER:

The post of Deputy Director/District Educational Officer constitutes under category (1) of Class-II under Rule 2 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Service Rules. Under Rule 3 of the said rules, the method of appointment for the post of Deputy Director/District Educational Officer is by promotion from the categories 1,2,3,4,5,8,10,11 and 12 of Class-III of APES, for which Government is the appointing authority.

2. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P., vide Memo., 6th cited has called for the objections from the individuals on the provisional seniority list in the cadre of DD/DEOs, with a request to file their objections if any, *within 15 days.* The Commissioner of School Education, A.P, in his further letter 7th read above, has stated that, out of the 20 individuals, two objections were received from the officers i.e., one from Sri P. Ramesh, DEO, Nellore and another from Smt. R.S. Gangabhavani, DEO, Guntur.

3. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P, while forwarding the provisional seniority list along with the above objection petitions, has requested to issue necessary orders on the final seniority list of Deputy Directors /DEOs, by disposing of the said objection petitions.

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4. The objections filed by the Deputy Directors/District Educational Officers against the provisional seniority list and replies to them are as follows:-

(1) Sri P. Ramesh, DEO, SPSR Nellore (placed at Sl.No.11 in the provisional seniority list).

Details of objection	Reply to objection
He has raised an objection/appeal claiming seniority over and above the candidates of Sl.No.9 (Smt Tahera Sulthana, DEO Kurnool) and Sl.No.10 (Smt C.V.Renuka, DEO West Godavari), stating that, the then Commissioner of School Education, A.P in Lr.Rc.No. 652/Estt.2/2016-3, dt. 14-02-2017 has communicated the final seniority list of DEOs/DDs, wherein, his name was shown at Sl.No 8, which is above Smt. Tahera Sulthana (at Sl.No 9) and Smt C V Renuka (at Sl.No 11). 2. Further, on the objections raised by Smt Tahera Sulthana and Smt C V Renuka, the then CSE, A.P in Procgs.Rc.No.736/Estt.II/201, Dt:21.03.2018 has issued clarification stating that, the seniority list of Deputy Educational Officers communicated in Lr.Rc.No. 652/Estt.2/2016-3, dt. 14-02-2017 holds good. 3. He has further objected that in the recent provisional list of DEOs/DDs communicated, vide Memo, Dt. 04.01.2022, his name was shown in Sl.No.11 below Smt Tahera Sulthana (Sl.No.9) and Smt C.V.Renuka (Sl.No.10) which is erroneous to the orders issued by the then CSE, A.P. 4. He has, therefore, requested the CSE to do justice, duly considering the previous seniority lists and place him at Sl.No.9 instead of Sl.No.11 in the matter.	At the time of filling of vacancies of Joint Directors during the panel year **2020-21**, the CSE has communicated the provisional seniority list of DEOs/DDs and objections have been received from Smt.Tahera Sulthana, Smt C.V.Renuka for claiming seniority over and above Sri P.Ramesh. 2. The DSE, A.P has forwarded the above objections, vide reference 2nd read above to Government to take appropriate decision in the matter. Government after having examined the said objections of Smt.Tahera Sulthana, Smt C.V.Renuka for claiming seniority over and above Sri P.Ramesh, issued the following instructions, vide reference 4th read above:- *"The instructions were issued regarding the transfer of State Government employees from one local cadre to another where their spouses are employed on regular basis, subject to fulfillment of the certain conditions vide U.O.Note No.555/SPF-A/91-1, Genl.Admn.(SPF.A) Dept., dated 04.10.1991. As per para 7(3) of the said U.O.Note , the persons transferred should take last rank next to the last regular candidate in the category in the cadre to which transfer is effected and also forego seniority in the local cadre from which transfer is sought. As per Rule-35 (b) of A.P.State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, the seniority of a member of service, class or category, who is transferred on his own request from one unit of appointment to another unit of appointment, shall be fixed with reference to the date of his joining duty in the latter unit of appointment.* *The Director of School Education, A.P., is therefore , requested to examine the request of Smt.C.V.Renuka, D.E.O., W.G., and Smt. Tahera Sultana, D.E.O., Krishna District, for claiming seniority over Sri Pilli Ramesh, D.E.O., Nellore, keeping in view of para (1) above, and take further necessary action in the matter , accordingly ,* ***duly revising the existing seniority list."*** 3. Further, the DSE, A.P has issued final seniority list of DEOs/DDs, vide Procg.Rc.No.11021/ 186/2020-EST 1, Dated:02.02.2021, duly mentioning in note file that, the above said three (3) officers are not coming under zone of consideration. 4. The CSE, A.P has furnished the case details as follows:- i. As per Presidential orders 1975, the post of Deputy Educational Officer is a Zonal

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post. All the (three) candidates were selected through APPSC selection held in the year 2008.

ii. Sri Pilli Ramesh was posted in Zone-VI. **As per his request,** he was transferred from one zone/ unit to other zone/unit (i.e., Zone-VI to Zone-III) vide G.O.Rt.No.848, Education Department, Dt:13.09.2013.

iii. As per Rule-35 (b) of A.P State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, the seniority of a member of service, class or category, who is transferred on his own request from one unit of appointment to another unit of appointment shall be fixed with reference to the date of his joining duty in the latter unit of appointment.

iv. Further, as per Rule – 36 (v) of APSSSR, 1996, seniority of the persons in the service shall be determined w.r.t the date of joining of such person in the new department / unit, in respect of the persons appointed on request transfer.

v. As per para 7(3) of the GAD U.O.Note.No.555/ SPF-A/91-1, Genl. Admn. (SPF.A) Dept., dated 04.10.1991, the persons transferred should take last rank next to the last regular candidate in the category in the cadre to which transfer is effected and also forego seniority in the local cadre from which transfer is sought.

vi. In the present case, Sri Pilli Ramesh was transferred from one zone/ unit to other zone/unit on his request i.e., from Zone-VI to Zone-III.

vii. The Deputy Educational Officer posts are organized into zones. Though selection was made on Statewide merit and the selected candidates were allotted to zones as per the preference given by the candidates. As per Rule 12 of G.O.Ms.No. 505, Education, dt. 16.11.1998, for the purpose of appointment, promotion, transfer, seniority etc., the unit of appointment shall be taken into consideration, according to which, if any candidate allotted to a particular zone once, all his service matters have to be confined to that particular zone only.

viii. Sri Pilli Ramesh seniority in the cadre of Dy.E.O has to be fixed with effect from date of his transfer to Zone-III, not on the rank in APPSC selection, because the Zones were already assigned to the selected candidates and the candidate, in question, rendered few years of

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	service in his respective Zone and transferred to another Zone. Hence, his seniority should be fixed according to his date of joining in the new zone/unit (i.e., from 08-11-2013) in accordance with Rule (b) of 35 of APSSR, 1996 and other rules. Accordingly, Sri P.Ramesh, DEO, SPSR Nellore has been placed in Sl.No.11 in accordance with the rules. 5. As per the instructions issued in Govt. Memo., dt. 09.04.2021, the CSE, A.P., vide his Memo., dt. 10.02.2022 has called for the objections from the candidates in question to file their objections/appeals if any by 16.02.2022. But, Smt.Tahera Sulthana, has only turned up and submitted her appeal to consider the provisional seniority list, where she stood at Sl.No. 9. Sri P. Ramesh has not filed any objection/appeal to the CSE in this regard even after the lapse of the stipulated time. As such, the CSE, A.P vide his letter 9th read above, has requested to finalize the provisional seniority list communicated to Govt. vide his letter 8th read above in supersession of the earlier seniority list proceedings if any. 6. Since the previous seniority list upon which, the individual is claiming his seniority, was not in accordance with the governing service rules and also the individual forfeits the seniority automatically, by virtue of his joining in the new local unit, the objection of Sri P. Ramesh is not sustained and it is overruled and hence, placing of Sri P. Ramesh at Sl.No. 11 below Smt. Tahera Sulthana (Sl.No.9) and Smt. C.V.Renuka (Sl.No.10), is in accordance with the rules. The earlier seniority lists issued by the CSE, A.P if any are superseded and the current seniority list will override all those previous seniority lists.
(2) Smt.R.S.Ganga Bhavani, D.E.O., Guntur (placed at Sl.No. 05 in the provisional seniority list).	
She has raised an objection/appeal on the Provisional Seniority list of DEOs/DDs stating that, the name of Sri.Y.Raghava Reddy, Principal, CTE, Kurnool was shown at Sl.No.4, but his original appointment belongs to the category of Lecturers in Colleges of Education., i.e., Category 3 of Class-III as per G.O.Ms.No.505, Education, dated.16-11-1998. Later, he was promoted as Principal, DIET, Kurnool i.e., Category 3 of Class-II from Lecturer Category. Again, he was promoted to the post of Principal, CTE, Kurnool i.e., Category-2 of Class-III, considering his service as	The contention of Smt.R.S.Ganga Bhavani is that, the feeder category for the post of JD is DEO/DD (Category-1 of Class-II), whereas Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, now working as Principal, CTE (Category-2 of Class-II), which is a horizontal post in Class-II, but not the feeder category to JD Post. As such, his candidature shall be considered for promotion to the post of Principal, IASE (Category-3 of Class-I), but not to the post of JD (Category-2 of Class-I). 2. The Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal (APAT) in OA No. 5674/2004 issued the following orders, vide Judgment, dt. 17.10.06:- " ---- *The respondents have followed the rules strictly, further, the rationale behind the rules is that, in order to protect the seniority of the Principals, DIET and Principals CTEs, Professors, their cases have considered duly taking into consideration the seniority in their lower category i.e., Lecturer IASE/CTE/SCERT and*

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Lecturer (though there is no such provision in rules) and he joined the new post on 11-10-2017. At present, he is drawing UGC Scales in the time scale of Rs. 37,400 - 67,000 + AGP Rs,10,000/-. 2. They are appointed as Deputy Educational Officers i.e., Category-1 of Class-III and later promoted as DEO/Dy.Director and drawing State Scales under RPS, 2015. 3. As per Rule 3, Note: 3 of G.O. No.505, Lecturers in Category of 3 & 4 in Class-III drawing UGC scales, are not eligible for Category -1 of Class-II i.e., DEO/Dy. Director, but Sri Y.Raghava Reddy is drawing UGC scales till date from the date of promotion as Principal. Further, as per G.O., the feeder category for the post of Joint Directors is the DEO / Dy. Director i.e., Category 1 of Class-II, but not from the Category -2 of Class -II i.e., Principal, CTE. The feeder category applies to lower category of posts, but not to the horizontal posts. 4. Hence, the candidature of Sri Y. Raghava Reddy shall be considered for promotion to the post of Category-3 of Class-I, i.e., Principal, IASE, but not to the post of Joint Director i.e., in Category-2 of Class-I, as he has been promoted as Principal, CTE and is drawing UGC Scales continuously till date. 5. She has, therefore, requested to consider her objection and revise the seniority in accordance with rules.	*Sr. Lecturer DIET, as there is no further promotional avenues, after promotion as Principals and Professors. If the seniority is not considered, the junior most Lecturers/ Sr. Lecturers will become DEO / DY. Directors and further climb up the ladder to the post of Joint Directors and Directors. In my opinion, there is deviation of Rule and no horizontal, equivalent categories were proposed to transfer. The respondents have followed the Rules contained in G.O.Ms.No.505, Edn. Dt. 16.11.1998. In fact, the intention behind the implementation of the Rule is only to protect the interest of the applicants, so that, their juniors will not make march over them. There is no illegality, as such. The OA is devoid of merit and it is accordingly dismissed."* 3. Based on the above Judgement, several officers including Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, Principal, DIET, Kurnool have been considered for promotion to the post of District Educational Officer/Deputy Director, taking into feeder category as Lecturers, IASE/SCERT/CTE & Senior Lecturers, DIETs i.e., Category 3 & 4 of Class II of APES, even though they are promoted as Professors, SCERT/Principal DIETs. Accordingly, Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, Principal, CTE, Kurnool has been placed at Sl.No.04 in accordance with the rules. 4. As such, the objection of Smt. R.S.Ganga Bhavani is not sustained and it is overruled and hence, placing of Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, Principal, CTE, Kurnool at Sl.No.04, is in accordance with the rules. 5. Sri Y.Raghava Reddy working as Principal, CTE, Kurnool in the cadre of Deputy Director/District Educational Officer, who is already drawing UGC Scales, is not eligible for UGC Scales, in terms of the Note:3 of Rule 3 of the APES and the same shall be recovered from him and necessary action shall be initiated accordingly by the CSE, A.P.

5. Government, after careful examination of the objection petition of Sri P. Ramesh, DEO, Nellore and Smt. R.S. Gangabhavani, DEO, Guntur as per governing rules, duly taking into consideration of the remarks offered by the Commissioner of School Education, hereby orders that:-

(i) the request of Sri P. Ramesh to consider placing his name at Serial No. 9 instead of Sl.No. 11 i.e., over and above Smt. Tahera Sulthana (09) and Smt. C.V.Renuka (10), in the seniority list of the DD/DEOs, duly considering the previous seniority lists communicated by the CSE, A.P., is not feasible for consideration. The seniority lists already issued in this regard if any, are hereby set aside and the current seniority list shall prevail over all those previous seniority lists issued if any, in supersession of the previous seniority lists issued if any; and

(ii) the objection of Smt. R.S.Ganga Bhavani (05) is not maintainable and it is overruled and hence, placing of Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, Principal, CTE, Kurnool at Sl.No.04, is in accordance with the rules. The CSE, A.P shall take necessary action to recover the amount paid in excess to Sri Y.Raghava Reddy, who is already drawing UGC Scales, in contravention to the Note:3 of Rule 3 of the APES, as he is not eligible for drawing UGC Scales.

6. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the provisional seniority list of Deputy Directors/District Educational Officers submitted by the Commissioner of School Education, A.P, hereby confirm and approve the final seniority list of Deputy Directors/District Educational Officers, duly superseding the earlier seniority lists issued by the CSE, A.P., in the references 1st and 3rd read above. The final seniority list is as annexed to this G.O.

7. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P, shall communicate the same to all the individuals and take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Annexure

(to G.O.Ms.No.17 School Education (Ser.I) Dept., dt. 29.03.2022)

FINAL SENIORITY LIST OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS/DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS

Sl.No	Name of the Officer	Date of Birth/ Retirement	Post and Designation	Qualification	Date of Joining in the cadre of Deputy Director/DEO	Remarks
1	Sri D.V.Suprakash	27.07.1962 / 31.07.2024	Deputy Director(Trg), O/o the DSE, A.P.,	M.A., B.Ed.,	18.11.2014	
2	Sri B.Lingeswara Reddy	01.06.1969 31.05.2031	DEO, Srikakulam	M.A., M.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
3	Sri M.Sai Ram	13.02.1964 29.02.2026	Director &Special Officer, Jawahar Bal Bhavan	M.A., M.Ed.,	12.12.2017	
4	Sri Y.Raghava Reddy	06.10.1968 31.10.2030	Principal, CTE, Kurnool	M.A., M.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
5	Smt. R.S.Ganga Bhavani	30.08.1974 31.08.2036	DEO, Guntur	M.Sc., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
6	Sri S.Abraham	15.04.1974 30.04.2036	DEO, East Godavari	M.A., B.Ed.,	08.12.2017	
7	Sri K.Samuyelu	10.04.1971 30.04.2033	DEO, Ananthapuramu	M.A., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
8	Smt.P.Sailaja	14.07.1980 31.07.2042	DEO, Kadapa	M.Sc., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
9	Smt.Tahera Sulthana	24.08.1979 31.08.2041	DEO, Krishna	M.Sc., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
10	Smt.C.V.Renuka	21.06.1969 30.06.2031	DEO, West Godavari	M.Sc., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
11	Sri P.Ramesh	10.06.1973 30.06.2035	DEO, Nellore	M.A., B.Ed.,	09.12.2017	
12	Dr.P.Ramesh	27.11.1962 30.11.2024	DEO, ITDA, Paderu, Visakhapatnam	M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D	28.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre

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13	Dr.V.Sekhar	15.05.1963 31.05.2025	Deputy Director(TET), O/o the DSE, A.P.,	M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D	01.10.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
14	Smt.K.N.V.S.Annapurna	01.07.1962 30.06.2024	Deputy Director(Plg), O/o the DSE, A.P.,	M.A., B.Ed.,	22.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
15	Dr.S.D.V.Ramana	22.08.1962 31.08.2024	DEO, ITDA, Rampachodavaram	M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D	01.10.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
16	Smt., L.Chandrakala	20.06.1980 30.06.2042	DEO, Visakhapatnam	M.A., B.Ed.,	25.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
17	Dr.A.M.Jayashree	09.07.1963 31.07.2025	Deputy Director, APSERMC	M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D	28.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
18	Smt., M.Venkatalakshmamma	01.07.1967 30.06.2029	Deputy Director(Academic), O/o the DSE, A.P.,	M.Com, B.Ed.,	23.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre
19	Dr.V.Ranga Reddy	05.01.1962 31.01.2024	DEO, Kurnool	M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D	20.09.2021	Not completed minimum

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20	Smt., N.Satya Sudha	14.08.1963 31.08.2025	DEO. Vizianagaram	M.A., B.Ed.,	20.09.2021	Not completed minimum service in the present cadre

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